

Attached is the plat of Fort Des Moines that shows the street right-of-ways that were dedicated to the City as part of the approval of this plat in 1846. The project improvement will be constructed entirely within the City owned Water Street right-of-way, as shown on the plat. The City does not have deeds, abstracts or title opinions for street rights-of-way that were dedicated to the City that long ago as part of the subdivision platting process. In lieu of providing a title opinion, which would require substantial costs and time to the City to create an abstract, the City's legal department can certify as to the City's legal ownership of this street right-of-way. Other state and federal agencies have accepted this type of certification in the past to satisfy the verification of property ownership as part of grant requirements.

